

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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MINOR MENTION.

Mayor Real Estate Agency, 539 Broadway, federal court, Judge Woodward on the bench, will convene Monday.

Wanted, assistant lady cashier, with references, Bannison Bros., Council Bluffs.

Ed Strow, the popular new agent of the Grand hotel, opened up his place for customers yesterday.

Rebekah Relief association will meet with Mrs. Kirkland, 116 Fourth street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Since these rats Judea has good head grass pastured after refusing 300 head during the drought. Inquire at 929 Sixth avenue.

John Hill was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing \$5 worth of white wash from the colored bath yesterday.

The democratic county convention will meet at the opera house tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, instead of at the court house, as was first intended.

Harvey St. Clair, whom the federal grand jury indicted some time ago for the extensive manufacture of queer coin, has been located in Fremont county.

The Western football nine and the Taylor Station nine will play a game of ball at the Council Bluffs Driving park Saturday, providing the weather proves favorable.

Axel J., 4-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Johnson, died of lung fever yesterday. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the funeral home, corner of Main street and Willow avenue.

Fred Osborn and Dick Landon, two of the fellows implicated in the row at the Crescent City dance last Saturday night, were lodged in the city jail yesterday.

The two Hough boys are still at large.

Rumor has it that in the near future the atmosphere will be seriously cracked by the strains of a new band which is being organized among the members of Hawkeye Lodge No. 184, independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Fred Stage, a 15-year-old boy living at Carroll, rode into Missouri Valley yesterday morning from his home, a distance of seventy miles, in nine hours. He started at 4 o'clock in the morning and rode to Carroll Valley in time to catch the southbound train for this city, which arrives here at 1:30.

A new piece of fire apparatus known as a "dodge set" has been brought here for trial. It will be given a trial this morning at 10 o'clock at the corner of Broadway and Bryant street. The nozzle is fitted out with two to four feet of hose, which greatly increases the pressure and enables a stream of solid water to be thrown to a height of 150 feet or over.

E. Williams, the colored woman who was arrested on the charge of drunkenness a few days ago and discharged after a hearing in police court, was in the city yesterday and made a call at the police station. She loudly announced her intention of teaching "dem officials a lesson what dey look on arrestin' decent women when dey's took sick on bad a nutsh." When last seen she was on her way to find Judge McGee to see what could be done.

Money to loan on improved farms at low rates. Bargains in real estate. Houses for rent. Fire and tornado insurance written. Money loaned for real investors. Lougee & Towle, 235 Pearl street.

Settle the Question Yourself.

Whether it is more profitable to pay the same old exorbitant prices or to purchase your shoes at a cash store, whose motto is "the best goods for the least money," where there are no bad debts for good customers to pay, and no poor goods, high priced, and can't prices are a great surprise to all shrewd buyers.

Hard times school shoes, 75 cents.

Top notch school shoes, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

War well school shoes, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Men's nice dress shoes, \$1.50.

Ladies' fine kid shoes, high priced, \$2.00.

Our prices range from 25 cents to \$2.00 less than the old prices.

Our Curtis & Wheeler ladies' fine shoes, best made, \$3.50.

Our Eddy & Webster ladies' fine shoes, last made, \$4.50.

Johnson & Murphy and Stacy Adams' men's fine shoes, \$4.00.

\$5.00 and \$6.00 men's tan shoes to close out, \$2.50.

DUNCAN'S SHOE STORE, Next to Ben's.

Three tin cups for 5c at Brown's C. O. D.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Born-To Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Rae, a son.

Hon. G. Diederich of Avoca was in the city yesterday on his way to New York.

C. M. Scanlan and family left yesterday for their new home in West Virginia.

H. A. Ballenger left last evening for Iowa City, where he will remain for some little time.

Mrs. W. S. Williams has gone to Socorro, N. M., to join her husband, who is editing a paper.

Miss Jones of North Platte is the guest of Mrs. Covell, her sister, on North Main street.

Mrs. M. E. Orvis of Denver, Colo., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. D. L. Pike, on Mill street.

J. E. Barstow leaves today for Oregon, where he will take a position as head clerk in a large hotel.

Mrs. J. W. Frame of Snodish, Wash., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Williams, 74 Washington avenue.

C. E. Reid returned yesterday from Lincoln, where he has been "doing" the state fair in a business way.

B. M. Waller is expected home from Charles City, where he went to attend the funeral of his brother, C. L. Waller.

W. N. Keller, a son of Alderman S. S. Keller, left for New Jersey yesterday, to resume his studies in Princeton college.

Miss Flora Hunt has been confined to her home, 714 Broadway, by serious illness for the past three weeks, is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Lawrence Holtz is expected to arrive from Wayne, Neb., in a few days for a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dickey, on Benton street.

Mrs. William Massenburg and daughter, Miss Lou, of Fremont, are expected to arrive this afternoon for a visit from Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davenport and family, on Fourth street.

Dr. J. F. White, who but recently returned from an extensive western trip, which he took in the hope of benefiting his health, is lying at the point of death from consumption.

Mrs. P. C. De Vol has gone to Niles, Mich., to bring home her daughter, Miss Mary, who has been laid up with a badly sprained ankle for several weeks past.

The military school at Fairbault, Minn., will have at least four representatives from Council Bluffs this year: Percy Jamison left last Friday, Don Benno accompanied him; Roy Campbell, Mammie Oliver, Zella Niles and Tom Farnsworth expects to go in a few days.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

City Attorney Renders an Opinion on the Electric Light Muddle.

CAN CONTRACT WITH PRESENT COMPANY

Legality of the Company's Charter a Question for the Courts to Decide—No Individual Liability Attached to Councilmen.

The city council held an adjourned session last evening, with all the aldermen present but Gleason, and the mayor in the chair.

The petition of John Linder and G. H. Harris for remission of liquor tax was refused.

Petition of S. H. Harris for a writ of habeas corpus was refused.

The matter of the Lewis township road leading into the city, which is said to be in bad condition, was referred to the board of supervisors.

The committee to which was referred the question of who should care for the pauper sick reported that arrangements with the county board had been made, by which the latter should pay for the care of such patients.

The petition of Elijah Stephenson and others for cutting out a part of Ninth avenue from the sidewalk ordinance was granted.

The petition for opening up Fifteenth avenue was granted.

Chief Scanlan and Chief Nicholson filed a petition asking that the police and fire departments be allowed to give a dance for the purpose of raising money to buy uniforms. Keller thought there was an ordinance forbidding such a thing, and so the thing was referred to the fire and police committee to find out what the law was.

Petition of property owners for the paving of Indiana avenue from Eighth street to Union avenue, in order to provide work for the unemployed, was referred to the committee of the whole.

Emmet Tinsley asked the council to all w his father's bid on coal to be considered, although it was filed a day late. Other coal dealers present objected to this, and T. P. Wright of the Carb and Coal company said that since he put in his bid coal had fallen 25 cents a ton, so that any one coming in at a later date would have an advantage over the rest.

Tinsley said that he had paid for the coal, and that he would pay for the rest of it. His proposition was rejected, however, on the ground that such a move would make a bad precedent.

The contract with H. W. Williams, the Carbon Coal company and W. W. Williams. The contract was awarded Cox at the following prices: Hard coal, \$2.15 in warrants, 4 per cent discount for cash; Gravel, \$2.25; White-breast lump, \$2.97; Nebraska lump, \$2.42; Whitebreast \$2.25.

The light question was then brought up and the following report of City Attorney Hazelton was read:

To the Honorable City Council: Gentlemen, I have the honor to reply to a statement of the right of the city council to continue or renew the present contract with the Electric Light and Gas company for lighting the streets of the city. I desire to say that the question as to the validity of the charter or charters under which the city has contracted with the Electric Light and Gas company is a question of law, and its final determination is with the supreme court. It is not for the city council to decide, by a suit before a proper tribunal, and its final determination is with the supreme court. It is not for the city council to decide, by a suit before a proper tribunal, and its final determination is with the supreme court.

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